

2<sup>nd</sup> Mediterranean Forest Week, 5-8 April 2011  
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## *Silva Mediterranea* Working group No3 Mediterranean forests and sustainable development

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- ✦ Relaunch the *Silva Mediterranea* working group on «Mediterranean forest and sustainable development» (MFSD)
- ✦ Recall the objectives and priority areas of work for the group
- ✦ Update the multi-year work programme adopted by the SM committee (2009) with the recommendations of the FST sessions + operational plan (2011-2012)
- ✦ Specify the working modalities of the group



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- ✦ Introduction of the working group members
- ✦ Background: MFSD project 1<sup>st</sup> phase, Collaborative Partnership on Mediterranean Forests, Mediterranean Forest Week...
- ✦ Presentation of the 4-year work plan (2009) & main conclusions of the FST sessions
- ✦ Discussion & updating of the work plan
- ✦ Discussion on the WG working modalities



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*International forum dedicated to Mediterranean forest issues*

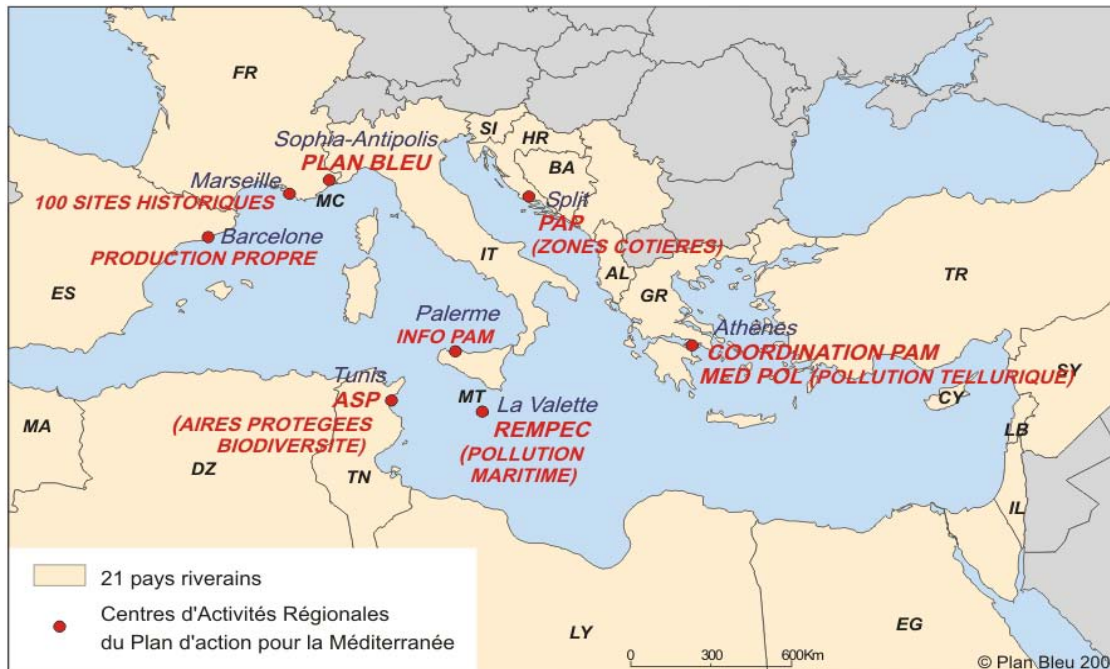
- *Silva Mediterranea*: FAO statutory body (1948), the only international forum dedicated to Mediterranean forest issues
- Members: 26 countries + the European Community
- 6 working groups:
  1. Forest fires
  2. Cork oak
  3. **Forest management and sustainable development**
  4. Mediterranean forest genetic resources
  5. Mediterranean forest and climate change
  6. Sustainable financing mechanisms;



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## A regional activity centre of the UNEP/Mediterranean Action Plan



21 countries and  
the EC,  
Contracting Parties  
to the Barcelona  
Convention

Focal points

- Producing information and knowledge in order to alert decision makers and stakeholders to the challenges both environmental and sustainable development-related in the Mediterranean,
- Drawing up scenarios for the future to assist in the decision making process.



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*An international association to foster dialogue between all forest-concerned stakeholders in the Mediterranean*

1996

International administrative board

Almost 3500 contacts from 36 countries representing civil society: individuals, governments, local bodies, technical institutes, private forest, associations, scientists...

110 members

25 partners on cooperative projects

- Cooperation project preparation and development: Mediterranean projects on governance, adaptation to CC, wood-energy, NWFP, cork oak management...
- Capitalisation and networking: sessions « Forests, societies and territories », synergies between forest-related projects
- Communication: publications (Latests on Mediterranean forests, International issue of FM magazine, [www.aifm.org](http://www.aifm.org), progress book)
- Contribution to bottom-up approaches: a « shared vision »



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- *WG3 and/or Silva Mediterranea focal points* (AL, BU, CY, ES, FR, GR, IT, LB, MA, PT, TN, TR)
  
- *Other institutions and stakeholders:*
  - ✓ EFIMED, MMFN, ARCMED, FN COFOR, CIHEAM,
  - ✓ WWF Med PO, IUCN-MED, Pro Silva Europe, MAVA Foundation, Forêt méditerranéenne, Europarc, Biodiversity International, OR-KOOP, CEDARE, ACSAD,
  - ✓ ARLEM, Arco Latino, CRPM,
  - ✓ European Parliament Intergroup on Forests,
  - ✓ European Commission (DG Environment), GIZ,
  
- *Coordinators of the WG:* AIFM, Plan Bleu, *Silva Mediterranea*



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## *Origin and objective of the 1<sup>st</sup> phase (2003-2006)*

- ◆ Meeting of the Silva Med Committee in Rome April 2002
  - ⇒ top priority attached to the improvement of the forest sector's contribution to sustainable development
  - ⇒ reinforcement of synergies with other institutions working in the region
- ◆ Partnership Agreement between FAO and Plan Bleu concluded in October 2002 (renewed in December 2005)
- ◆ Human resources & financial means provided by France to launch the MFSD project and supply it during its 1st phase (trust fund with FAO)

**Objective: Allowing Mediterranean countries to share their experiences & analyses regarding:**

- ◆ The forest sector's contribution to SD
- ◆ Essential dialogue, arbitration processes and tools to face the multiplicity & complexity of challenges



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*Case studies on territorial approaches*

Objectives:

- Presenting tools and methods implemented to ensure the sustainability of local development
- Taking into account the role of the forest sector

France	The Forest Charter of Territory applied to the Regional natural park of Luberon
Morocco	Participative development project in forest and peri-forest areas (Chefchaouen) and Integrated rural development project in the Middle Atlas (Ifrane)
Turkey	Development of the forest villages of the Mersin province
Italy	Sustainable management of the public forests of the Pollino Mountain (Calabria)
Albania	Land management, tenure issues & impacts on rural communities in the Ishmi region
Algeria	Creation of the Natural Park of Souk Ahras



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## *Regional forum « Forestry & sustainable development in the Mediterranean: Challenges, policies and governance » (Rabat, Nov 2005)*

- Participation > 140 experts, managers & researchers (13 Med. countries, Intern<sup>al</sup> organisations, NGOs)
- Presentation of papers and case studies on territorial approaches
- Main recommendations:



- To reinforce the Euro-Mediterranean cooperation,
- To associate all stakeholders (inhabitants and users) in the design and the implementation of projects,
- To develop a better understanding of the economic, social and ecological impacts of the global challenges on Med. forests,
- To reinforce financial and political commitments of the Med. countries and to mobilize bilateral & multilateral financing mechanisms,
- To continue the MFSD project.



## Main achievements and lessons learnt

- Highlighting of the existence of a shared common vision of the Mediterranean woodlands,
- Interesting case studies on territorial approaches,
- Very successful forum in Rabat (support of AIFM),
- Responding to a real need for regional cooperation (experience sharing),
- Giving a new impetus and dynamism to the *Silva Mediterranea* Committee.

### *Main achievements of the 1<sup>st</sup> phase*

### *Main lessons learnt for the follow-up of the project*

- Continuing and reinforcing case studies on territorial approaches,
- Having more in-depth exchanges about the obstacles & levers for a sustainable development of the Med. woodlands,
- Communication about the project and its enhancement beyond the usual working groups,
- Strengthening the institutional & financial supports.



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*4 priority objectives*

1. Continue and reinforce the exchange and promotion of experiences on sustainable management and governance

2. Facilitate the set-up and follow-up of national forest strategies and policies based on sustainable development

3. Encourage integrated sustainable development projects for Mediterranean agro-sylvo-pastoral areas

4. Communicate about the WG activities, promote the Mediterranean forestry at the international level



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- Contribution of the Mediterranean forest ecosystems to **biodiversity conservation**;
- Relationship between **climate change** and Mediterranean forest ecosystems;
- **Economic assessment** of non commercial uses and environmental services provided by Med. woodlands;
- **Payment of environmental services** and agro-sylvo-pastoral good practices;
- New integrated and **territorial approaches** ;
- **Financing** policies and projects, etc.



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- **Case studies** (territorial prospective, « Imagine » method) : other countries, innovative topics,
- **National reports** (surveys), monitoring indicators,
- **Regional analyses** in the Mediterranean (priority topics),
- Organisation of a **2<sup>nd</sup> regional forum**,
- **Reference list of good practices** (← case studies),
- **Platform of exchanges** (regional experience sharing).



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## Relevance of territorial approaches

for sustainable management of Mediterranean forest ecosystems

### 6 main issues:

- Integration of forest issues in broader territorial development approaches,
- Need for taking into account the economic dimension (management costs and benefits) of forest protection and management,
- Participation: identify the relevant stakeholders... how to involve them?
- Lessons from success stories (& failures!): conditions of success
- Methods and tools for a participative management: adaptation to local context and needs
- Networks for exchange of experiences and methods



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## Recommendations from the FST sessions

- Improve **knowledge** on the territorial context, forest resources and services, risks and opportunities,
- Enhance **integration**: long term and cross-sectoral approaches,
- Involve **relevant stakeholders** from early stages,
- Define the **perimeter** of the projet according to the social, politico-administrative, geographical, ecological... context,
- Devote the adequate **time and human/financial resources** (learning process),
- Assess management **costs**, forest **benefits** and beneficiaries; develop sustainable **financing mechanisms**,
- Develop/improve /adapt **tools for participatory approach**,
- Strengthen **networks**, share experiences



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## Operational plan for 2011-2012: first proposals

### Activities planned at regional level:

- Study on the economic value of sustainable benefits provided by the Mediterranean woodlands (regional approach and case studies at local level),
- Regional study on the impacts of climate change on Mediterranean woodlands and on adaptation strategies implemented in the Mediterranean countries,
- Contribution to the preparation of the “State of Mediterranean forests” report,
- Facilitation of sharing the territorial experiences: networking, regional workshop like « *Forests, Societies and Territories* » sessions, twinning studies, etc,
- Contribution to develop collectively an integrated strategy on sustainable management of Med woodlands.



## Operational plan for 2011-2012: first proposals

### Activities implemented at local level (pilot sites):

- Integration of “new” **pilot sites** in the CPMF partner countries (Morocco, Tunisia, Algeria, Syria, Lebanon, Turkey),
- **Methodological support** for the development of territorial projects including forest issues (Systemic and prospective sustainability analysis “Imagine”),
- Support the **communication** of local results,
- **Coordination of pilot site network** and transfer of results to “new” pilot sites and vice-versa (Qualigouv, Model Forest, For Climadapt projects, etc).

Your opinion?



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## Conditions for implementation

### ➤ Adequate funding:

Project proposal submitted to the French Global Environment Fund (FFEM) « *Optimiser la production de biens et services par les écosystèmes boisés med dans un contexte de CC et rareté de l'eau* »

*Concept note approved in January, Identification note approved in April, feasibility study to be launched (July 2011)*

In the framework of the Collaborative Partnership on Mediterranean Forests (CPMF)

### ➤ Involvement of the WG3 members:

Forestry Directorates of the Med. countries, Forest owners associations, NGOs oriented to forest sustainability...

Member countries experts of WG3 to be designated .

### ➤ Budget to be defined according to the Operational Plan



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## Working modalities of the group

- **Coordinators:** Plan Bleu & AIFM
- **Active members of the WG** act as:
  - ✓ a steering committee: guidance, follow-up and evaluation of the WG activities
  - ✓ country/local experts (to assist the identification of pilot sites etc.)
  - ✓ sources of information
- **Communication** through informal email exchanges, as and when relevant, and meetings;

Your opinion?

- **What do you expect from the WG?**
- Other members to be invited??



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